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INFO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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FOR SSM

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, IS

SUBJECT: VEHICLE ACCIDENT

REF: A. SINAI 0233; B. SINAI 0257; C. TEL AVIV 1731;  
D. STATE 56439

1. REF A PROVIDED A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT 1330 ON MARCH 4 IN WHICH SFM VEHICLE DRIVEN BY CARL COLEMAN STRUCK AND KILLED SALIM MACHMUD, A 7-YEAR OLD CHILD. COLEMAN WAS DRIVING AT 35 MILES AN HOUR AND THE THREE WITNESSES AGREE THAT A CHILD SUDDENLY DARTED ACROSS THE ROAD IN FRONT OF OUR VEHICLE. COLEMAN VEERED SHARPLY TO PREVENT HITTING THE CHILD AND IN FACT THE CHILD RAN INTO THE VEHICLE NEAR THE REAR WHEELS.

2. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A USG REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD GO TO THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT IMMEDIATELY WAS DISCUSSED WITH LTC YURAM, THE ISRAELI LIAISON OFFICER, WHO RECOMMENDED THAT NO ONE GO TO EL ARISH, AS IT COULD POSSIBLY CAUSE A DIFFICULT SCENE WITH THE ARAB FAMILY AND RELATIVES. THEN ON MARCH 8 COL. YURAM INFORMED SFM (REF B) THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE  
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TO PAY FOR A CEREMONY. SFM REQUESTED EMBASSY TEL AVIV ADVICE

AS TO THEIR POLICY IN SUCH MATTERS AND BY REF C THE EMBASSY REPORTED THAT THERE WAS NO PRECEDENT FOR PAYMENT OF A SOLATIUM OFFERING.

3. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY ASKED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ISRAELI LIAISON OFFICER TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE POLICE INVESTIGATION, HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING THIS DOCUMENT. ON MARCH 13 COL. YURAM STATED THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNOR OF THE AREA WAS STILL CONDUCTING HIS INVESTIGATION AND THAT HE MIGHT MAKE A FINDING THAT NO PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE. WE HAD DELAYED ANSWERING FURTHER MESSAGES UNTIL WE COULD DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT TO BE PAID, IF ANY.

4. AN INVESTIGATING OFFICER HAS BEEN APPOINTED AND WILL PROCEED TO EL ARISH TO PERSONALLY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THE POLICE INVESTIGATION REPORT. COPY OF THE INVESTIGATION WILL BE SENT TO EMBASSY TEL AVIV AND TO SSM.  
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